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15-04-0429**FELONY REPORT**

<b>OFFENSES</b>	<b>Offenses</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fel/Misd</b>	<b>Date Occurred</b>	<b>Time Occurred</b>	<b>Incident #</b>	
	187(A) PC	Murder	Felony	04/05/2015	2105	1504050066	
	664/245(c) PC	Attempt ADW on Peace Officer/Fire Safety/Medical Per	Felony	<b>Date Reported</b>	<b>Time Reported</b>		
	69 PC	Obstruct/Resist Exec Off	Felony	04/05/2015	2105		
	273.5 PC	Domestic Battery	Felony	<b>Related Cases</b>			
	148(A) PC	Obstruct Public Officer	Misd	<b>Date Printed</b>	<b>Time Printed</b>	<b>Printed By</b>	
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	<b>Location</b>		<b>Beat</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Disposition</b>		<b>Dispo Date</b>
	Chevron, 400 Steuber Rd, Tehachapi, CA 93561			T	Active Case		04/11/2015
	<b>Location Type</b>	<b>Location of Entry</b>	<b>Method of Entry</b>	<b>Point of Entry</b>	<b>Alarm System</b>	<b>Means of Attack (Robbery)</b>	
	Convenience Store						
<b>RP AND VIC</b>	<b>Victim and RP</b>		<b>Drivers License</b>	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>		
	Hanna, Dawn Denise						
	<b>Residence Address</b>		<b>Notified of Victim Rights</b>	<b>Residence Phone</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Sex</b>
			Yes		02/03/1959	56	F
	<b>Business Name and Address</b>			<b>Business Phone</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Wt</b>	<b>Hair</b>
					5`3"	150	BRO
	<b>Assistance Rendered/Victim Disposition</b>			<b>Transporting Agency</b>	<b>Means of Attack (Assaults)</b>		
	<b>Description of Injuries</b>		<b>Other Information</b>				
	<b>Name</b>		<b>Drivers License</b>	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>		
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<b>SUSPECT</b>	<b>Suspect</b>		<b>Action Taken</b>		<b>Charges</b>		
	Hanna, Richard August						
	<b>Residence Address</b>		<b>Residence Phone</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>
				08/26/1958	56	M	W
	<b>Business Name and Address</b>			<b>Business Phone</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Wt</b>	<b>Hair</b>
					5`11"	250	BLN
	<b>Identifying Features</b>		<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>Drivers License</b>	<b>Arrest Number</b>		
	<b>Aliases</b>		<b>Val Damaged</b>				
<b>VEHICLES</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Vehicle Make and Model</b>		<b>License/State</b>	<b>VIN</b>		
	Stored	2002 Silver/Aluminum Gmc Sra		6W84138 CA	1GTHK23G62F206134		
<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>Prepared By</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Assisted By</b>		<b>Approved By</b>	
	945 - Boston, Chris		04/05/2015	938 - Dunham, Jason P			
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<b>VICTIM</b>	<b>Victim</b> Graff, Pete	<b>Drivers License</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Cell Phone</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Email</b>			
	<b>Residence Address</b> 220 West "C" Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561	<b>Notified of Victim Rights</b> No	<b>Residence Phone</b> 661-822-2222	<b>DOB</b> 07/11/1971	<b>Age</b> 43	<b>Sex</b> M	<b>Race</b> W
	<b>Business Name and Address</b> Tehachapi Police Dept, 129 East F Street, Tehachapi, CA 92561		<b>Business Phone</b> 661-822-2222	<b>Height</b> 5`9"	<b>Wt</b> 220	<b>Hair</b> OTH	<b>Eyes</b> HAZ
	<b>Assistance Rendered/Victim Disposition</b> Other		<b>Transporting Agency</b>	<b>Means of Attack (Assaults)</b>			
	<b>Description of Injuries</b>		<b>Other Information</b>				
<b>VICTIM</b>	<b>Victim</b> Hanna, Richard August	<b>Drivers License</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>			
	<b>Residence Address</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Notified of Victim Rights</b> No	<b>Residence Phone</b>	<b>DOB</b> 08/26/1958	<b>Age</b> 56	<b>Sex</b> M	<b>Race</b> W
	<b>Business Name and Address</b>		<b>Business Phone</b>	<b>Height</b> 5`11"	<b>Wt</b> 250	<b>Hair</b> BLN	<b>Eyes</b> BLU
	<b>Assistance Rendered/Victim Disposition</b> Taken To Coroner		<b>Transporting Agency</b>	<b>Means of Attack (Assaults)</b>			
	<b>Description of Injuries</b>		<b>Other Information</b>				
<b>VICTIM</b>							

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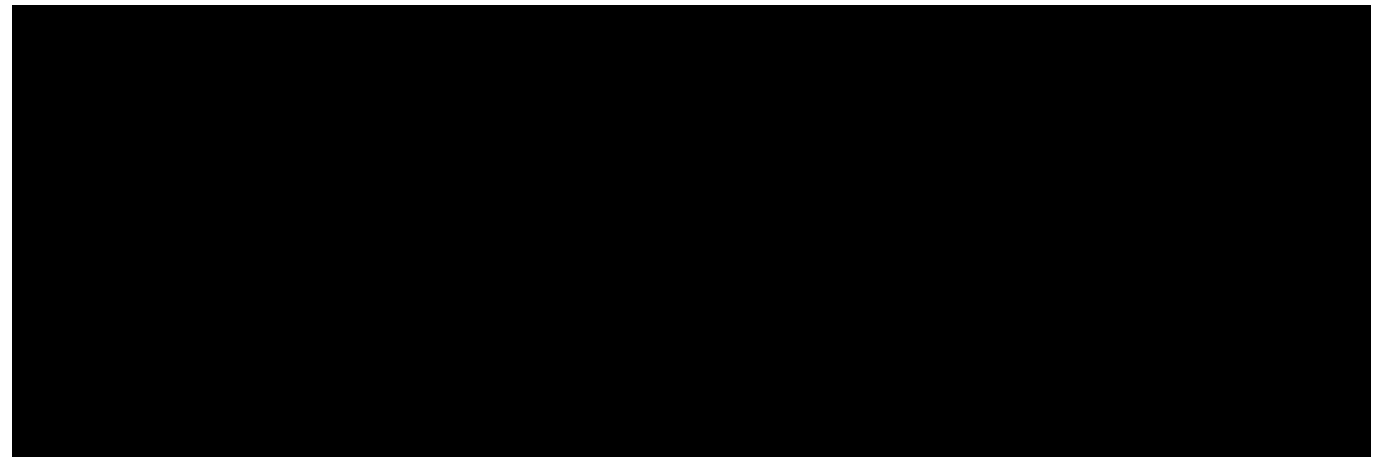
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**SYNOPSIS:**

I arrived on scene at 2200 hours and maintained the perimeter of the crime scene. I collected evidence items 1-9 from Kern County Crime Lab Investigator Petra Imhof and booked those items in locker 2 of the Tehachapi Police Department's Evidence lockers.

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:****CHAIN OF EVIDENCE:**

I assumed custody of items 1-9 from Petra Imhof and maintained possession of them until I booked them as evidence into the Tehachapi Police Departments evidence locker. I assumed custody of items 10 and 11 from Chief Kroeger and maintained possession of those items until they were booked into the Tehachapi Police Departments evidence lockers.

**OFFICERS INVOLVED:**

Ofc. C. Boston ID 945- Maintained perimeter of crime scene and booked evidence.

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Chief Kroeger ID 904- Seized Officer Graff's duty weapon.  
Petra Imhoff- Kern County Crime Lab.  
Apryl Brown- Kern County Crime Lab.

**DETAILS:**

On 04-05-2015 at approximately 2105 hours, Officer Graff and Sergeant Empey responded to 400 Steuber Road for a domestic violence report which ended in an officer involved shooting. I arrived on scene at approximately 2200 hours and maintained the west perimeter of the crime scene until the Kern County District Attorney's Office investigation was complete.

The District Attorney's Office and Kern County Crime Lab completed their investigation and collected several evidence items from the scene. Those items were;

Item#1: 1- Spent WIN .40 Smith and Wesson cartridge located on the ground by Apryl Brown.

Item#2: 1- Spent WIN .40 Smith and Wesson cartridge located on the ground by Petra Imhof.

Item#3: 1- Spent WIN .40 Smith and Wesson cartridge located on the ground by Petra Imhof.

Item#4: 1- Right flip flop located on the ground by Petra Imhof.

Item#5: 1- Left flip flop located on the ground by Petra Imhof.

Item#6: 1- Spent WIN .40 Smith and Wesson cartridge located on the ground by Apryl Brown.

Item#7: 1- Pill bottle located on the ground by Petra Imhof.

Item#8: 1- Smith and Wesson model 940 revolver 9mm Parabellum, unknown serial number, 1 speed loader with 1 fired cartridge located in the front passenger's seat of the suspect vehicle by Apryl Brown.

Item#9: Swabs of apparent blood from driver's side bottom by Petra Imhof.

Petra Imhof turned over items 1-9 to me at the scene. I maintained care and control over those items until I was able to book them into locker 2 of the Tehachapi Police Departments Evidence lockers.

I seized items 10 and 11 from Chief Kroeger and later booked them into locker 2 of the Tehachapi Police Department Evidence lockers.

I completed a CHP 180 for the suspect's 2002 GMC Sierra pickup truck and had it towed to our police department located at 220 West C. Street to be stored at the Kern County District Attorney's Office's request.

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I took photographs of all evidence items as they were given to me and attached them to this report.

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**SYNOPSIS:**

Supplemental report #2 to an officer involved shooting. I maintained custody of the deceased at Tehachapi Hospital, 115 West "E" Street from approximately 2205 hours till about 0200 hours.

**OFFICERS INVOLVED:**

Ofc S. Arebalo, 931 -Maintained custody of the deceased

**DETAILS:**

On 04/05/2015 at about 2200 hours, I was dispatched from home for a critical incident in reference which I subsequently learned was an officer involved shooting.

I arrived at the police department and received my assignment to report to Tehachapi Hospital, 115 W. "E" St. I was told to stay with a patient who was later identified as Richard Hanna. I was advised that he was transported to the hospital for a gunshot wound, nothing further.

I arrived at the hospital at 2205 hours, I made contact with Nurse Virginia Whiteside in the Emergency Room, Bed #1. I asked her if this was the gunshot patient, she replied yes. She advised me that the attending physician, Doctor Rodrigo Rojas pronounced Richard Hanna dead prior to my arrival at 2144 hours.

RN Whiteside told me she only performed what was needed medically. I advised her that the deceased was now consider an evidentiary value and that he needed to be under my custody. I asked her not to remove any tubes or ventilation equipment.

I asked Dr. Rojas if it would be ok to move the gunnery to the back of the hospital, pending an examination from the Deputy District Attorney's Office. He said yes, because by removing him from ER #1 it would free up bed space. At 2221 hours, the gunnery in it's entirety was rolled to the back of the hospital where I maintained custody of the corps.

At approximately 0037 hours an investigator arrived on scene and told me his name was Canady. I assisted him with photographs of the deceased by holding up ruler to the wounds as he took pictures. Investigator Canady left the Emergency Room at about 0110 hours.

At about 0110 hours, a different investigator entered the room and introduced himself as Investigator Kadel #169. He advised me the coroner was called at approximately 2330 hours and should be arriving on scene.

At about 0153 hours, Coroner Rebecca Fisher arrived and her and Investigator Kadel exchanged information. Mrs. Fisher provided me with a Coroner's receipt no. C00673-15.

At about 0200 hours, I was advised by Coroner Fisher and Investigator Kadel that they no longer needed my presence.

I ended my watch at 0230 hours.

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**SYNOPSIS:**

Officers were dispatched to the Barn Summit, at 400 Steuber Rd, in regards to a female subject, Dawn Hanna, reporting that her husband, Richard Hanna, was intoxicated and had just assaulted her. Richard Hanna struck Dawn Hanna on the face with an open bladed hand strike causing a small laceration to her right brow. Officers contact with Richard Hanna subsequently led to an officer involved shooting and Richard Hanna being wounded in the process. My only involvement is the post interview with Dawn Hanna in regards to the initial domestic violence call.

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:**

Item #14, Status: Evidence  
CD with the Dawn Hanna audio interview.

**CHAIN OF EVIDENCE:**

I recorded the interview with my digital recorder while at the Tehachapi Police Station. I maintained care and custody of the recorder until I downloaded the audio file to a CD. I later booked the CD (item # 14) in the TPD evidence room locker #019 as evidence.

**OFFICERS INVOLVED:**

Officer Pete Graff (First responder)  
Sgt. Kevin Empey (First responder)  
Officer Mike Adams (Assisted with domestic violence post interview)

**DETAILS:**

On 04-05-2015 at approximately 2105 hours, Officer P. Graff and Sgt. E. Empey were dispatched to the Barn Summit, at 400 Steuber Rd, in regards to a domestic violence in progress. Upon arrival, Officer Graff and Sgt. Empey contacted the male half, later identified as Richard Hanna, in his vehicle, a 2002 GMC pickup (CA LIC# 6W84138). Officer's contact with Richard Hanna subsequently led to an officer involved shooting and Richard Hanna being wounded in the process. I was not at the scene at the time of the encounter.

I later responded to the Tehachapi Police Station to interview the female half, Dawn Hanna, who was the victim of the reported domestic violence. I recorded the interview with my digital recorder. I maintained care and custody of the recorder until I downloaded the audio file to a CD. I later booked the CD (item # 14) in the TPD evidence room as evidence. Refer to the CD for the complete interview.

**STATEMENT OF DAWN HANNA**

I asked Dawn Hanna to tell me what led to the initial confrontation between Richard Hanna

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and her.

Dawn Hanna stated that they were passing through Tehachapi eastbound on HWY 58 heading home from Tulare, CA. She stated that they had been drinking an hour before the fight. Dawn Hanna stated that she had approximately 3 to 4 glasses of champagne mimosa and her husband, Richard Dawn had consumed approximately 4 to 5 beers. Dawn Hanna stated that Richard Dawn, was driving and she was the only passenger in their 2002 GMC pickup (CA LIC# 6W84138).

Dawn Hanna stated that they began arguing, but she couldn't remember over exactly what. She stated that they were just arguing over normal stuff in their lives that bothered them. Dawn Hanna stated that the verbal argument turned into them slapping each other repeatedly back and forth while Richard Hanna was still driving. Dawn Hanna demonstrated the slapping motion for me. It was with both hands swinging repeatedly in front of her. She was unsure how many swings made contact. Dawn Hanna stated that she couldn't remember who started slapping who first. Dawn Hanna stated that she felt a "stinging hurt" to her right eyebrow and then noticed blood dripping from her eyebrow and down her face. Dawn Hanna stated that she did not black out. I asked Dawn Hanna if she remembered how Richard Hanna hit her, closed or open handed, but she stated that she didn't know. Dawn Hanna went on to demonstrate for me an open handed bladed hand strike as possibly being how Richard Hanna struck her. I asked Dawn Hanna if anything was said while they were hitting each other. She replied "Not really....You're a bitch....I'm not a bitch! Something like that." I asked her if Richard had struck her any other times or made any specific verbal threats towards her, but she stated that he didn't.

Dawn Hanna stated that she knew she needed to get out of the vehicle to call for help, so she told Richard Hanna that she needed to urinate so he would pull over. Dawn Hanna stated that they got off of the highway and pulled up to a mini mart (Barn Summit), but she didn't know the address or name of the business. Dawn Hanna stated that they pulled up to the mini mart and Richard Hanna let her get out of the vehicle. She stated that she went into the mini mart, contacted the cashier and asked the cashier to call 911. Dawn Hanna stated that she told the cashier to advise dispatch that her husband had a weapon and that he was a retired police officer. Dawn Hanna stated that she had gotten nervous in the past about it (Richard's weapon), because of his past behavior and so she wanted dispatch to know about the weapon.

I asked Dawn Hanna what happened next. She stated that she saw a police car and an ambulance pull up outside. She stated that a mini mart employee told her that "shots were heard." Dawn Hanna stated that she didn't see what had happened and she never left the mini mart until an officer contacted her inside after the incident ended.

I asked Dawn Hanna if the level of fighting that occurred was common in their relationship. She replied "No, we get along. I did report to an officer that I've been concerned, because three times in the last year he's [Richard Hanna] talked about killing himself." I asked Dawn

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Hanna what she thought brought on Richard Hanna's suicidal feelings. Dawn Hanna stated that it was alcohol and maybe that he suffered from schizophrenia. She stated that all she knew was that when Richard Hanna was a child he was supposed to take medication for schizophrenia, but he said that he never took it. Dawn Hanna stated that she always thought Richard Hanna had a chemical imbalance and the alcohol triggered it.

I asked Dawn Hanna if Richard Hanna had ever hit or pushed her in the past, but she stated that he never had. I asked if there had ever been any domestic situations where the police were involved, but she stated that there hadn't been. I asked her if she was aware of any history of domestic violence in Richard Hanna's past relationships, but she stated that as far as she knew there wasn't.

I asked Dawn Hanna if she knew where the gun was in the car. She stated that she didn't know for sure, but it was probably underneath the driver's seat. I asked her if it was likely loaded and chambered and she stated that it was.

I provided Dawn Hanna with a victim's card and brochure. I had her sign a confidentiality form for felony Penal Code 273.5-domestic abuse. I provided her with my business card with the case number.

I ended the interview with Dawn Hanna.

I examined the injury to Dawn Hanna right eyebrow. I observed an approximately quarter inch cut with dried blood running from the cut and down her face. Records clerk Annette Henning took photos of Dawn Hanna's injury and attached the images to this report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Forward to the District Attorney's Office for their review.

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**DETAILS:**

On 04-05-2015, at approximately 2106 hrs, I responded to back Officer Graff on a domestic violence call at the Barn Chevron located at 400 Steuber Rd. in Tehachachapi. (See Officer Adam's report for details)

Dispatch advised the suspect's wife was in the business and the suspect was sitting in his vehicle on Tehachapi Blvd in front of the business. Dispatch also advised us that the suspect was reported to be a retired police officer, was in possession of a firearm, and that the vehicle was a grey pickup.

Officer Graff and I arrived on scene in tandem at approximately 2112 hrs. and noted the suspect vehicle parked at the location advised to us by dispatch.

Officer Graff took position directly behind the suspect vehicle, which was facing eastbound on Tehachapi Blvd, and positioned my vehicle in the barking lot just to the south of the suspect vehicle. We both turned on our spot lights at which time I heard Officer Graff checking the suspect vehicle plate. We both exited our patrol vehicles, took position behind our driver side doors, drew our service weapons, and ordered the suspect to keep his hands where we could see them and exit the vehicle with his hands in the air.

As dispatch was broadcasting the return information on the vehicle, I heard a single gun shot coming from inside the suspect vehicle. Officer Graff continued to attempt to give the suspect orders while I broadcast a shots fired, code 33 call, but was not received as dispatch was still transmitting the return.

I again broadcast shots fired code 33 and fearing for my safety re-positioned myself to the passenger side of my vehicle behind the engine block.

I heard dispatch confirmed my shots fired, code 33 broadcast and simultaneously I heard Officer Graff ordering the suspect to stop advancing and to get on the ground. I observed the suspect charging toward Officer Graff, leaning awkwardly forward and flailing his arms. I also ordered the suspect to stop and get on the ground. The suspect continued toward Officer Graff and when he reached the right front quarter panel of Officer Graff's patrol vehicle, fearing for Officer Graff's safety, I took aim for a clear shot to attempt to stop the threat when I heard approximately 3 shots and saw the suspect fall to the ground. I broadcast shots fired, suspect down, send medical ASAP.

I went to Officer Graff's position and noted the suspect lying on the ground with his feet facing south and his head north, perpendicular to the patrol vehicle, and just in front of the drivers side door. He displayed signs of life by erratic movements and breathing. I also noted what appeared to be a gunshot entry wound under his chin.

Ambulance and fire personnel arrived on scene and for medical personnel safety I had Officer Graff check the suspect for weapons while I kept the suspect at gun point.

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While medical personnel were working on the suspect I secured the crime scene with the assistance of multiple agencies that had arrived on scene, requested dispatch to notify the District Attorneys OIS team to respond, and to notify Chief Kroeger of the situation.

Once the scene was secure I attempted to locate a weapon and located a grey metal revolver on the passenger seat of the suspect vehicle. I also noted blood in and around the drivers side of the vehicle.

Chief Kroeger arrived and ordered Officer Graff and myself to return to the station and await the District Attorney investigators.

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**SYNOPSIS:**

This supplemental report will discuss my involvement in this case.

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:**

Item #12: 2002 GMC Sierra pickup (VIN# 1GTHK23G62F206134) seized by this agency as evidence

**CHAIN OF EVIDENCE:**

The above listed vehicle was seized as evidence and transported to the Tehachapi Police Department where was secured in the department sally port and wrapped with crime scene tape. On April 6, 2015 the vehicle was transported to the Kern County Regional Crime Lab in Bakersfield.

**OFFICERS INVOLVED:**

Kern County District Attorney Investigator Jarod Kadel ID# 169 assisted in this investigation and is the lead investigator for the officer involved shooting. The district attorney's investigation is documented under their agencies case # I-15-043

Kern County District Attorney Investigator Brian Canaday ID# 172 assisted in this investigation and followed the vehicle to the crime lab

**DETAILS:**

On April 6, 2015 I was assigned to conduct additional follow up on this case. In reviewing this investigation, I found that two report numbers were inadvertently assigned to this investigation. The report numbers are 15-04-0429 and 15-04-0430. Since case 15-04-0429 was issued first and evidence was seized under this case, report number 15-04-0430 was voided.

On the indicated date, I was contacted by Kern County District Attorney Investigator Brian Canaday who advised that he would need the above listed vehicle towed to the Kern County Regional Crime Lab located at 1300 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Bakersfield. Investigator Canaday stated the vehicle would be forensically processed at the crime lab. A tow was later arranged and the vehicle was subsequently towed by Antelope Valley Towing. Investigator Canaday followed the tow truck to the crime lab. **Refer to attached tow forms (CHP 180) for additional information.**

While speaking with Investigator Canaday, he told me that he had spoken with Hall's Ambulance staff that triaged Mrs. Hanna. Mrs. Hanna allegedly had given them specific directions not to clean the blood from her face as she wanted to press charges against Mr. Hanna for domestic battery. I believe this

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conversation with Hall's Ambulance occurred prior to Mrs. Hanna learning that Mr. Hanna was deceased. **For additional information, on Investigator Canaday's interview with Hall's staff, refer to his supplemental report.**

I later spoke with Mrs. Hanna on the telephone. Mrs. Hanna was obviously distraught. I advised her that I wanted to speak with her on April 7, 2015 and she agreed.

For clarification, the Kern County District Attorney's Office is responsible for the officer involved shooting portion of this investigation. Criminalists from the Kern County Regional Crime Lab are responsible for photographing and seizing evidence related to the shooting investigation. All items seized were given to Officer Boston who later booked the items into the Tehachapi Police Department's property room. **For additional information on the Kern County Regional Crime Lab's investigation refer to their agencies report number, 15-CL-01000.**

No further information.

End of report

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**SYNOPSIS:**

This supplemental report will discuss my interview with Dawn Hanna.

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:**

Item #13: CD containing interview with Dawn Hanna

**CHAIN OF EVIDENCE:**

I digitally recorded the conversation Dawn and I had. I later transferred the recording to a compact disc and booked it into the Tehachapi Police Department's property room as evidence.

**OFFICERS INVOLVED:**

Officer Horning ID# 945 assisted in this investigation by attending the interview of Dawn

**DETAILS:**

On April 7, 2015, Officer Horning and I spoke with Dawn Hanna at her residence in Agua Dulce California. The following is a synopsis of our conversation. For a detailed account of the conversation refer to the recorded interview for further information.

Dawn told me that she has been married to Richard for approximately 5 years and has known him for 6. Dawn stated that on Saturday April 5th, 2015, she and Richard traveled and stayed at their lake home near Fresno California. While there, Dawn stated she and Richard argued over trash.

On Sunday, Dawn stated she and Richard visited her son's mother in laws residence in Tulare California. While there Dawn stated she consumed a bottle of champagne and believed Richard had consumed approximately 4 to 5 beers. Dawn stated they left Tulare and while they were driving home and passing through Tehachapi, she and Richard became involved in an argument about his driving and the past argument about the trash. Dawn stated that during the argument Richard called her some "improper words" and both of them began flailing their arms at each other. Dawn could not remember if she struck Richard but stated she believed she put her arms up in a defense manner (which she demonstrated) and told Richard not to talk to her like that. Dawn stated Richard then "hit" her. Dawn stated she later wiped her face and felt blood dripping from her eye brow.

Dawn stated she told Richard that she needed to go to the bathroom and Richard exited the freeway, eventually stopping at Chevron (400 Steuber Road). Dawn stated she entered Chevron knowing she was going to be asking someone to call the police. Dawn stated she contacted a store clerk who she

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described as being a heavy set Hispanic woman. Dawn stated she did not remember if the clerk offered to call the police or if she asked the clerk to call, but the police were subsequently summoned. Dawn stated she advised dispatch that Richard had a gun because she was concerned.

Dawn stated she never observed the shooting but stated she did see the police and ambulance on scene and a gurney. Dawn stated she did not hear the gunshots but was told that two gunshots had been fired.

Dawn stated she was eventually taken to the police department where she was seen by the paramedics. I asked Dawn if she recalled ever telling anyone from Hall's that she did not want her face to be cleaned because she wanted to press charges against Richard for domestic violence. Dawn stated she did not recall saying that but she indicated she remembered telling Hall's she wanted to make sure there was evidence she had been physically assaulted by Richard. Dawn also remembered refusing to be transported to the hospital for additional treatment.

Dawn stated Richard made suicidal comments such as "I might as well kill myself" during the past year. Dawn stated the last time Richard made such a comment was approximately 2 months ago and further explained that Richard had made a comment about committing suicide at her daughter's wedding in October of 2014. Dawn stated Richard made these comments when he was under the influence of alcohol.

I asked Dawn if he had made any comments that date about killing himself or hurting law enforcement that date and she stated he had not. I concluded my questioning with Dawn about the domestic violence investigation and stopped the audio recording.

In speaking with her prior to leaving, she told me that Richard was prescribed "Norco" for shoulder pain but was not sure if he had taken any pain medication that date. Dawn also stated she wanted to make sure the dispatcher knew Richard was armed with a firearm because he was "out of his mind" for hitting her and she was in fear of him. Dawn also stated she believed Richard was diagnosed with schizophrenia when he was a child and was prescribed Mellaril which Richard stated he would not take because of the way it made him feel. Dawn stated Richard was recently retired from the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office and had retired from the Simi Valley Police Department in 1998 after 10 years of service with that agency.

I took two photographs of Dawn's left eye which I have attached to this report.

No further information.

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**EVIDENCE:**

Item #15, Status: Evidence  
black and white plaid men's cargo shorts

Item #16, Status: Evidence  
men's white briefs

Item #17, Status: Evidence  
men's t-shirt, black with white writing

Item #18, Status: Evidence  
bullet removed from RICHARD HANNA's abdomen

Item #19, Status: Evidence  
known DNA reference of RICHARD HANNA

Items 15-19 were worn by RICHARD HANNA at the time of his autopsy. The items were removed by Kern County Coroner's Office personnel, and collected by Kern County Crime Lab personnel DAVID ZIMMERMAN and GARRETT SUGIMOTO. I seized these items and kept them in my care and custody until I transferred their custody to Officer GOE. Officer GOE kept the items in his care and custody until he placed them into TPD property room locker number five.

The following items were seized from RICHARD HANNA's Gray 2002 GMC Sierra bearing California license plate 6W84138:

Item #20, Status: Evidence  
vehicle registration for CA / 6W84138 located in the glove box

Item #21, Status: Evidence  
copper jacket located in the headliner above the driver seat

Item #22, Status: Evidence  
bullet fragments located on the driver side floorboard

Item #23, Status: Safekeeping  
black bi-fold men's wallet (containing items 24-27) located in the driver side door panel

Item #24, Status: Safekeeping  
\$300 in United States currency located in item 23

Item #25, Status: Safekeeping  
Los Angeles County Coroner's Office identification card located in item 23

Item #26, Status: Safekeeping

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Simi Valley Police Department identification card located in item 23

Item #27, Status: Safekeeping  
miscellaneous credit cards located in item 23

Item #28, Status: Evidence  
black speed loader (containing item 29) located in the driver side door panel

Item #29, Status: Evidence  
(5) 9 mm caliber FC hollow point ammunition loaded into item 28

Item #30, Status: Evidence  
Black leather holster located in the driver side door panel

Item #31, Status: Evidence  
Tan & Black Apple Iphone Cellular Telephone located on the center console

Item #32, Status: Evidence  
Silver-colored flask with "The Gleniwet" inscribed on the front located in the back seat area

Item #33, Status: Evidence  
Tissue Material located on the dashboard above the glove compartment

Item #34, Status: Evidence  
Tissue Material located on the driver side door panel

On 04-07-2015 at about 0915 hours, I observed the autopsy of RICHARD HANNA which was conducted at the Kern County Coroner's Office, 1832 Flower Street, Bakersfield. The autopsy was conducted by Dr. CARPENTER who was assisted by additional personnel with the Kern County Coroner's Office. Kern County Crime Lab personnel, DAVID ZIMMERMAN and GARRETT SUGIMOTO, and Kern County District Attorney's Office Investigator JAROD KADEL were also present.

RICHARD HANNA's clothing (items 15 through 17) were removed, collected, packaged, and sealed.

Doctor CARPENTER determined the cause of death to be multiple gun shot wounds and the manner of death to be homicide. Doctor CARPENTER identified the locations where four three bullets entered RICHARD HANNA's body: beneath his chin, in the right side of his abdomen, in his right upper thigh, and in his right wrist. A single .38 caliber bullet was located in RICHARD HANNA's abdomen. The bullet (item 18) was collected, packaged, and sealed.

A DNA reference (item 19) was collected from RICHARD HANNA, packaged and sealed.

SUGIMOTO took digital photographs during the autopsy, copies of which will be provided to

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Doctor CARPENTER ended the autopsy at 1135 hours.

Refer to Kern County Coroner's case number C00673-11 for further information.

At about 1315 hours, I met with Investigator KADEL, ZIMMERMAN, and SUGIMOTO at the Kern County Crime Lab where a search warrant was executed on RICHARD HANNA's truck. A copy of the search warrant is attached to this report for review.

ZIMMERMAN and SUGIMOTO searched the vehicle and collected, packaged, and sealed the listed items from their indicated locations.

In addition to taking the indicated items as evidence, Investigator KADEL requested I take custody of RICHARD HANNA's wallet and its contents (items 22-27) pending release to RICHARD HANNA's wife, DAWN HANNA.

I maintained all the items in my care and custody until transferring their custody to Officer GOE. Officer GOE transported the items to the Tehachapi Police Department and placed them into property locker number 19. Records Clerk ANNETTE HENNING retrieved the items, which I ensured were still properly packaged and not disturbed, and booked them into the TPD property room.

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On 07-28-2015 at about 0830 hours, I spoke to Kern County District Attorney's Office Lieutenant Argast regarding supplemental narrative seven, which I authored on 04-08-2015. During our conversation, Lieutenant Argast brought several items of his concern to my attention. Per Lieutenant Argast's request, I am authoring this supplemental narrative to clarify the errors he noted.

Lieutenant Argast indicated that in my previous supplemental narrative I wrote, "Doctor CARPENTER identified the locations where four three bullets entered RICHARD HANNA's body." After reviewing this sentence, it was clear to me that I inadvertently wrote "four three" when I meant to only write the number "four".

Additionally, Lieutenant Argast also indicated that I wrote, "A single .38 caliber bullet was located in RICHARD HANNA's abdomen." I did not measure the bullet during or after the autopsy and, therefore, I could not have properly accounted for the bullet's caliber. It would have been more appropriate to say, a single bullet was located in RICHARD HANNA's abdomen. The bullet was removed and transferred to my care and custody. The bullet was booked in the TPD property room as item #18.

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